

**ORDER OF BUSINESS
OF THE
RESA-6 REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**RESA-6 Training Room
Wheeling, WV 26003**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2013
3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patsy Brancazio, Amelia Courts, Kathy Kidder Wilkerson, Linda Kirk, James Lazear, Barbara Logue, Beth Phillips, Fred Renzella, Suzan Smith, Dianna Vargo

OTHERS PRESENT: Nick P. Zervos, Greg Minnich, Sarah Koesler (for Chris Carder), Marian Kajfez, Rick Redd

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Mr. Brancazio.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Ms. Phillips, the Board approved the minutes of the February 13, 2013, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Generation Common Core Rollout Discussion - The Regional Planning Team (CPT) met four times to plan for the Next Generation Common Core Roll-out, The Educator Enhancement Academy (EEA). EEA will be held July 15, 16, 17 at Bridge Street Middle School where 100 regional teachers, Common Core Sustainability Trainers (CCST) will be trained by 48 Regional Trainers of Trainers (TOTs). The TOTs will be trained May 20, 21, 22 by WVDE Directors at Wheeling Jesuit University. A Pre-Training meeting of the TOTs will be held on April 9, 2013 at the West Liberty Highlands Center.

The ultimate Goal of the roll-out is for these Regional Trainers (TOTs and CCST) to train all regional teachers of grades 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 & 12 by modeling Best Practices and Strategies of incorporating the Common Core State Standards, NxtGen Standards, before the 2013-2014 School Year.

Included is an enclosure from item T which is a signed copy of the Next Generation Standards MOU by the State Superintendent of Schools approving the RESA-6 plan.

Medicaid Report (Attachment A) - On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Mr. Lazear, the Board approved the March 1, 2013 Medicaid report prepared by

Mrs. Wojcik in the aggregate amount of \$2,817,515.47 (from 7/1/12 through 2/28/13) for the RESA- 6 counties.

Principal Leadership Discussion (Master Teacher) (Enclosure) – Mr. Zervos presented a proposal for Administrator Leadership for the Common Core Curriculum presented by the Master Teacher. Brooke, Marshall and Wetzel Counties wanted to meet with someone from the Master Teacher bringing several principals into the discussion to express their need for Leadership Training. Mr. Zervos will work with Master Teacher to set a time and date.

RESA-6 Legislative Visit – April 1 – 5, 2013 – The window for RESA-6 Superintendents and Board Members to visit the Legislature is the week of 4/1/13 – 4/5/13. Anyone willing to support the WVASA in this endeavor is welcome to do so.

SB 359 Discussion (Enclosure) – SB 359 is currently being reviewed by the Senate Education and Finance Committees with modifications being made at the request of the Teacher’s Associations. The Bill should pass by the full Senate this week and move on to the House for consideration.

Dr. White’s Visit to RESA-6 (Attachment B) – Dr. White, WVBOE Member, visited RESA-6 for ½ day last week to learn about the program and services offered by the Agency. Each employee provided a brief synopsis of their work and answered any questions that Dr. White had for them. Mr. Minnich gave a Power Point presentation outlining the financial status of RESA-6. Dr. White understood RESA-6s financial dilemma and will take the information back to Charleston for review. He was also very complimentary about the Work Force Programs and services provided to the 5 counties in the northern panhandle.

Discussion First Round of PRI (Attachment C) – Mr. Redd discussed the 3/5/13 PRI which focused on the new teacher evaluation system. He shared with the Board and compiled an evaluation report received from the administrators in attendance. Ninety eight percent of those in attendance agreed or strongly agreed to the use of the program and 94% agreed or strongly agreed that the program was well organized and effectively presented.

Status of 2013 – 2014 Itinerant Employees – Mr. Zervos informed the Board that there will most likely be a reduction in force of itinerant employees, specifically interpreters for the 2013 – 2014 school year because of a loss of students needing specialized services.

Discussion Sequestration Financial Effects on Counties – It appears that the effects of the Sequestration will result in a 5% cut of Federal funds to counties and state agencies.

Discussion of WVSBA Winter Conference – Mr. Lazear indicated that the winter conference was very good and focused on giving LEAs more authority decentralizing state control. He was impressed by Dr. Phares’ remarks in regard to empowering local boards of education.

Reschedule PRI to Tuesday, April 23, 2013, Wheeling Park White Palace, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Mr. Zervos informed the Board that the PRI originally scheduled for March 6, 2013 was rescheduled for April 23, 2013. The focus of this PRI will be on Evaluations. The location and time remain the same – Wheeling Park White Palace at 8:30 a.m.

RESA-6 Finance Presentation – Mr. Minnich (Attachment D) – Mr. Minnich gave a comprehensive Power Point outlining the current Financial status of RESA-6 and what current practices on RESA financing will do to the future of all RESAs.

Budget Supplements and Transfers (Attachment E) - On a motion by Mr. Renzella, with a second by Ms. Smith, the Supplement and Transfers as provided in Attachment E and presented by Mr. Minnich were approved.

Budget Status Report (Attachment F) - On a motion by Mr. Renzella, with a second by Ms. Smith, the Budget Status Report as provided in Attachment F and presented by Mr. Minnich was approved.

Checks Issued (Attachment G) - On a motion by Mr. Renzella, with a second by Ms. Smith, the RESA-6 Checks Issued in Attachment G and presented by Mr. Minnich were approved

Request to Mr. Renzella to have April Meeting at the new Cameron High School – There appeared to be major conflicts in schedules; therefore, Mr. Renzella invited them to view the new Cameron High School at the Board Member’s convenience.

WVBOE Agenda (Attachment H) - The RESA-6 Regional Council was provided with the March State Board meeting agenda.

Cooperative Purchasing Process (Enclosure) – Mr. Minnich reviewed the Cooperative Purchasing Process outlining the standard operation procedure regarding AEPA purchasing. The Board was advised that using this cooperative purchasing is a priority of the State Board of Education and the Governor’s office.

Commission on School District Governance and Administration (Enclosure) – Mr. Zervos requested that each Board Member read closely the enclosure on School District Governance and Administration. You will find that it may be an effort to consolidate local school districts across West Virginia. The Board was advised to stay vigilant on this matter.

Permission to approve lease renewal for SPOKES program in Hancock, Ohio, Marshall and Wetzel Counties – On a motion by Mr. Renzella, with a second by Ms. Kidder-Wilkerson, the Board gave permission to Mr. Zervos to renew the SPOKES facility leases for Hancock, Ohio, Marshall and Wetzel Counties.

PERSONNEL:

On a motion by Mr. Renzella, with a second by Ms. Smith, the following personnel items were approved:

Resignation

Theresa Kowcheck – SPOKES Substitute – effective March 31, 2013

Change of Status

Tiffany Velkovich (Speech Pathology Assistant) – change from part time to full time starting March 4, 2013

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

The West Virginia Department of Education Report was given by Dr. Courts.

- **Dr. Courts: Encouraged Board members to review project 24 which gives an analysis of technology statewide.**
- **Informed Council that State Board of Education assignments have been reorganized and will be provided at a later date.**
- **Discussed textbook vs. E-Books adoption that would be forthcoming and spent time discussing electronic and digital resources available for the Common Core Curriculum. Most instructional materials have not been truly aligned to the WV Common Core.**
- **Announced Common Core Standards for Science should be forthcoming soon.**

OTHER CONCERNS:

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Renzella, with a second by Mr. Brancazio, the meeting was adjourned.

Co-Chairperson

Executive Director/Secretary